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City of Riverside Enshrines Five New Names to Military Roll of Honor, Celebrates all Veterans in a Special Ceremony this Monday

RIVERSIDE, CA—The City of Riverside will hold a special Veterans Day ceremony to commemorate our veterans from throughout Riverside County. The City's ceremony will especially honor our fallen veterans with the reading of five new names that have been enshrined on the Military Roll of Honor. The Military Roll of Honor lists the names of men and women from throughout Riverside County who have been killed in the line of duty since World War I.

As Mayor Loveridge remarked, "I cannot overstate the importance of Veterans Day, to our community, to the nation. Our ceremony will honor those who fought—and died—for what is right, for what is decent. We owe our veterans our estimation and regard."

The City of Riverside's Veterans Day Ceremony will take place on Monday, November 10, 11:00 a.m. in the City of Riverside's Veterans Plaza (10th and Main). A special tribute will be paid to Ysmael R. Villegas, Riverside County's first Congressional Medal of Honor winner, whose honor has been enshrined in a special monument located at Veterans Plaza. Additionally, Mayor Pro Tem Frank Schiavone will read the names of the five Riverside County residents who have died while serving on active military service in the recent Iraqi conflict. These are: Captain Aaron Contreras, USMC, Corporal Jesus Gonzalez, USMC, PFC Daniel Ray Parker, US Army, and Lance Corporal Jason

Tetrault, USMC. Family members of the Villegas Family and of the five young men who were killed in the line of duty have been invited, and many are expected to attend.

For more information, please call 826-5813.